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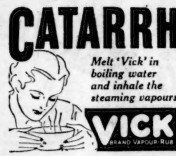
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TOBRUK TAKES JUMP IN
BIG BATTLE

DEFENDERS OF TOBRUK, THE LIBYAN PORT HELD FOR MONTHS BY AN IMPERIAL GARRISON AGAINST ALL AXIS ATTEMPTS TO STORM IT, HAVE SALLIED OUT WITH THE OBJECT OF JOINING UP WITH OUR TROOPS HOLDING SIDI REZEGH, ABOUT 15 MILES TO THE SOUTH.

The garrison forces were supported by many tanks, it was officially stated in Cairo yesterday. Despite heavy opposition, they took a position, three miles south-east of the perimeter and continued to make steady progress. Their move was significant in view of the fact that the objective of our desert army is not Tobruk or the capture of prisoners, but THE DESTRUCTION OF EVERY NAZI TANK IN LIBYA.

Last Night's Cairo Communique

"SITUATION TO OUR ADVANTAGE"

LAST night's Middle East communique from Cairo, dealing with the terrible tank battle raging in Libya, stated that in all areas the situation was developing to our advantage.

The communique read:—
"Control in the triangle between El Capuzzo, Gazi Sidi and Sidi Barrani, a heavy tank battle developed over a wide area yesterday. Taking full advantage of the tactical opportunities presented, General Cunningham's forces, his main armoured forces, have been able to break through the enemy's main tank force, and to take a series of successes to the West."

Repeated attempts by the main German tank force to break through to the West were defeated. "AS YET, IT IS NOT POSSIBLE TO ASSESS THE CASUALTIES OF EITHER SIDE, BUT IT IS KNOWN THAT OUR LOSSES HAVE GAINED GREATER THAN OURS."

Meanwhile, British troops at Tobruk, supported by important tank forces which had gradually been introduced into the fortress over a period of many weeks by the Royal Navy, sallied out on Friday morning with the object of joining hands with our troops holding Sidi Rezegh.

By mid-day on Friday a heavily defended enemy locality three miles south-east of our perimeter defences, together with a smaller position near by had been captured, and by nightfall the Tobruk force was steadily making progress in face of heavy opposition.

"In the frontier area our movement to encircle Axis forces held a defended position between Halafga and Sidi Omar developed satisfactorily throughout the day."

RAP SUPREMACY

"Our air forces maintained their superiority over the enemy, and our bombers were supported in the land battle by successful attacks on concentrations of enemy forces and mechanical transport."

To sum up, Friday saw a continuation of heavy fighting which was to be expected after the German High Command in Africa had recovered from the shock of their original reverse.

In all areas the situation is developing to our advantage, though the intensive fighting is to be expected before it will be possible to assess the full results of the heavy battle which has been decided to the enemy in the opening phase of this campaign.—Reuter.

Biggest Tank
Hunt In History

WITH THE LIBYAN DESERT AS BACKGROUND, GENERAL CUNNINGHAM'S PANZER DIVISIONS ARE STAGING WITH DRAMATIC SUCCESS THE GREATEST TANK HUNT IN HISTORY.

The big battles now being fought more closely resemble naval actions than any tank battle previously fought out.

They are being fought at a rapid pace, by formations in light scouting tanks, followed on ahead and by the side of the heavier machines, the tanks being a matter of feet apart, and the light scouting tanks being a matter of feet apart.

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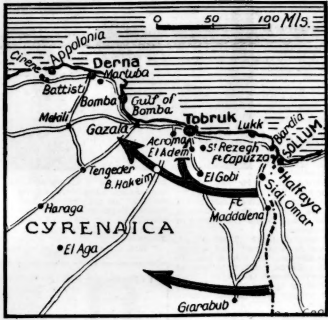
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NOW FOR "PEACE" FEELERS

Germany Plans To Call
All-European Conference
—BAR BRITAIN

Washington, Saturday.

THE White House announced today that it had heard that Germany was planning a conference, promising some "high-sounding formula of economic rehabilitation and restoration of independence for all European nations."

Great Britain was excluded from the Conference which would probably be held in December or January at Vienna.

Mr. Stephen Early, the White House Press Secretary, made the announcement and commented that the conference "should be discounted well ahead of time by people who really believe in democracy and oppose military domination not only of Europe but of the entire world."

Diplomatic advisers from Germany, said Mr. Early, indicated that the Conference was being called as a result of Nazi losses and the depletion of reserves and material.

Asked by reporters if Germany was proposing some form of "economic peace," Mr. Early said that President Roosevelt and the State Department had received information from sources they could not reveal.

He added that the information showed that invitations to participate in the conference were being sent out "to some belligerents, all the Axis Powers and some neutral nations."—Reuter.

F. D. R. WINS: COAL
STRIKE ENDS

Washington, Saturday.

THE United Mineworkers of America today accepted the proposal by President Roosevelt to end the coal strike, and recommended all workers to go back to the pits.

Mr. John L. Lewis, the union leader, agreed to the President's proposal that the closed shop question—the main issue in the strike—should be submitted to arbitration.

He urged a return to work by the miners, and said he was struck in sympathy.

The arbitration tribunal will consist of Mr. Lewis, Mr. Benjamin Fairless, president of the U.S. Steel Corporation and Mr. J. R. Steel, a Government official.

In authoritative circles in London it was stated that the battle was going fine; while in Melbourne, General Blamey, Deputy C-in-C of the Middle East and Australian army commander, declared:—

"THE DESTRUCTION OF THE TANK ENEMY'S EFFECTIVE TANK STRENGTH MEANS THAT BRITAIN HAS WON THE TANK BATTLE."

General Blamey added: "This is a splendid result, and I am most optimistic of the outcome."

For as the Italian forces are concerned, their role in the battle has been a minor one. It is the German forces, their morale is even lower than it was during General Wavell's offensive last year.

ROSTOV OURS, SAY NAZIS

A-1 Out Drive
Against Moscow

A GERMAN HIGH COMMAND CLAIM TO HAVE CAPTURED ROSTOV, GATEWAY TO THE CAUCASUS, WAS OVERSHADOWED BY NEWS LAST NIGHT THAT ON THE MOSCOW FRONT HITLER HAS LAUNCHED A TERRIFIC NEW OFFENSIVE WITH LARGE TANK CONCENTRATIONS AND RESERVES OF INFANTRY.

These reinforcements are being hurled into the attack regardless of losses, and have advanced so far in some sectors that "Pravda" yesterday declared the situation to be more serious than it was in October.

Three simultaneous encircling movements are being attempted by the Germans on the northern, central and southern sectors, and the battle is described as the biggest of the campaign.

Hitler has apparently given orders that at all costs Moscow must be captured to provide winter quarters for his troops.

Already they are feeling the pinch of the snow and frost, and many cases are reported among them of frostbite and pneumonia.

The three-pronged attack on the capital is thus described by "Pravda's" correspondent at the front.

(1) In the Volokolamsk and Kalinin directions, north-west of Moscow, the Russians are holding their line and inflicting heavy losses.

The Germans are constantly bringing fresh forces into the battle and the Russians are outnumbered.

(2) A frontal attack on Moscow from the Mozhaisk direction.

Four German divisions are launching night-and-day attacks but the Russians are holding their line and inflicting heavy losses.

On the sector along the Nazis lost 20 tanks.

(3) In the Tula direction, 100 miles south of Moscow.

Here, incessant attacks by German reinforcements have pressed the Russians in several places.

Reports from Berlin, however, state that progress is disastrously slow in proportion to the losses. Casualties are particularly heavy among German officers.

Among the killed, the German communique announced yesterday is General von Briesen, commander of an army corps, who fell on Thursday.

In their claim to have captured Rostov, key city in the Caucasus, Berlin stated that shock troops of the Army and the SS were supported by the Luftwaffe, made the final assault.

The claim is not admitted by the Russians, who state, however, that the Germans attacked the city with three or four tank divisions and several infantry divisions.

Rostov's defenders, it was added, were fighting courageously but were forced to evacuate the city two days after they destroyed 50 German tanks.

Levinsky, the Russian spokesman, last night put the Russian losses at 10,000 killed, wounded and missing.

Germany's superiority was now being used, he added, to force the Russian to approach the limit.

"We shall not permit her," he added, "to stabilise the Russian front during the winter and turn against England. We shall give the enemy no rest."

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Allies Agree On Far East

5-POWER TALK
IN WASHINGTON

Washington, Saturday.

LORD HALIFAX ANNOUNCED TODAY, FOLLOWING A FIVE-POWER CONFERENCE CALLED BY MR. CORDELL HULL, U.S. SECRETARY OF STATE, THAT COMPLETE HARMONY EXISTS IN THE POSITION TAKEN ON PACIFIC PROBLEMS BY THE UNITED STATES, BRITAIN, AUSTRALIA, CHINA AND THE NETHERLANDS.

The British Ambassador made it clear that Mr. Hull was keeping these interested Governments completely informed of all developments in the negotiations which have been taking place between the United States and Japan.

Mr. Cordell Hull's conference with the British Ambassador and the Australian and Netherlands Ministers began in the morning and lasted until one o'clock, when the Chinese Minister was also called into the discussions.

Details of the conversations have not been revealed.

Another Nazi Air Ace Killed

Berlin, Saturday.

Group—Captain Colonel Molders, one of the most celebrated of German air aces, was killed today in an air accident near Bremen.

According to the German News Agency, Molders met his death during a service flight in a Cessna plane.

Shelders was not piloting the plane at the time of the accident. He was twenty-one years of age and had won 115 air combats, the German News Agency added.—Reuter.

FOOD SITUATION?

Germany's food situation is grave, said the Soviet official spokesman, Mr. Lozovsky, Khabarovsk yesterday.

British bombing was reducing the Nazi war effort, he went on. Oil supplies remained a vulnerable point to Germany.—A.P.

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How To Grow Rhubarb

By RICHARD SUDDELL
MOST HOME GROWN FRUIT SUPPLIES ARE EXHAUSTED BY CHRISTMAS. RHUBARB THEN PROVIDES A VALUABLE FOLLOW-UP CROP. AS A SUBSTITUTION FOR STEAKS IN TARTS AND PUDDINGS, EVERY GARDEN AND ALLOTMENT COULD FIND SPACE FOR A DOZEN PLANTS OF RHUBARB.

It is a perennial plant with swollen fleshy roots. The division of these roots is the method of increase and it can be grown in a semi-shaded part of the garden, but will not grow near the roots of trees or under the drip of a gutter.

To get the best results, it should be lifted every three or four years and replanted in a fresh part of the garden. It is a good feeder, and before planting, the soil must be deeply dug and heavily manured, as it will have to grow in the same position for a few years.

The plants are spaced 3 ft. apart. Old roots, which are stored in growth in two years, are lifted by lifting the large roots, placing these in a warm, dark place, or by turning all boxes of roots over two or three times in the garden around which they are grown, leaving them, leaves, hay or straw, is placed to force the rhubarb into early growth.

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RAF Risked Lives To Build Secret Airfields

48,000,000 PENNIES

THE Red Cross Penny-a-Week Fund is two years old next week. In those two years Londoners have given 48,000,000 pennies—£200,000,000—to keep the RAF in the air.

Most of that sum, which is nearly one-sixth of the total for the whole country, has been contributed by men and women workers in London's factories, shops and offices. During the last few months, however, the workers' pennies have been reinforced by those of more than a million London housewives through organised house-to-house collections in the twenty-nine boroughs of the County of London.

Mrs. Churchill's recent announcement that until the end of the year all contributions to the fund will go to provide medical aid to Russia has had a stimulating effect. Large numbers of workers have doubled and trebled their weekly gifts. Contributors throughout the country now average £25,000 a week—£1,250,000 a month.

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48,000,000 PENNIES

THE Red Cross Penny-a-Week Fund is two years old next week. In those two years Londoners have given 48,000,000 pennies—£200,000,000—to keep the RAF in the air.

Mrs. Churchill's recent announcement that until the end of the year all contributions to the fund will go to provide medical aid to Russia has had a stimulating effect. Large numbers of workers have doubled and trebled their weekly gifts. Contributors throughout the country now average £25,000 a week—£1,250,000 a month.

Skipper Was Killed, But—

TRAWLER BEAT NAZI BOMBER

THE 200-TON GRIMSBY TRAWLER CHANDOS WAS PLOUGHING HER WAY TOWARDS THE NORTH-EAST FISHING GROUNDS. THE SKIPPER WAS IN THE CABIN. HIS MATE, J. T. GILL, WAS DRINKING A CUP OF TEA.

Suddenly a large German bomber roared out of the storm and swept over the trawler mast—high, machine-gunning and firing its cannon.

The skipper was killed and the mate took command. The trawler was hit in the bow, but the machine-gun and opened fire. Three times the plane attacked. Then it banked sharply and headed off, steadily losing height and dropping smoke till it vanished into the snow.

Then Rattles crumpled up and collapsed. He had been hit four times in the legs, but he said a word about it, continuing to fight his gun.

Some days later the Chandos was back fishing in the same position which it had been attacked. When the trawler was swung round, there among the sea off the coast and seaward tipped out an odd and even pieces of the tail of an aircraft.

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"I Gotta Bite!"

HOLED PLANE FLIES 300 MILES

CRASH-LANDED WITH LOADS OF BOMBS

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Then, after prolonging the journey to prevent danger to the coast, it crashed and landed, with its bomb rack loaded, without injury to the crew.

The aircraft, one of a squadron which had been successfully harassing the sea supply route along the Norwegian coast to the German armies in North Russia, was looking for a safe landing place when it was holed by a rock on a small island by all the rules it should have gone straight into the sea. Instead it flew back to this country over 300 miles of sea.

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